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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am filing for your consideration a bill entitled "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects."

The legislation I am filing includes supplemental funding requests of \$41 million to fully fund the final costs of this winter's snow and ice removal costs and to add clinical staff at Bridgewater State Hospital to ensure patients committed there are getting the best possible care, consistent with my letter filed on July 2nd with the filing of legislation to reform the delivery of forensic mental health services.

In addition to these supplemental funding items, I am proposing legislation to carry-forward approximately \$24 million of fiscal year 2014 resources into fiscal year 2015 in a number of appropriations.

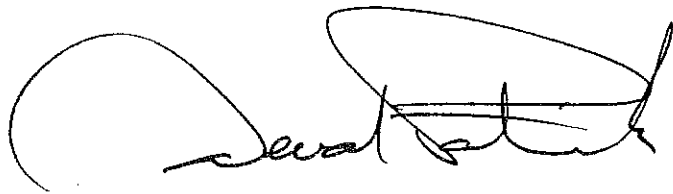
This legislation also includes some budget-related and other technical language changes, including:

- Validation of certain collective bargaining agreements
- Transferring the State Transportation Building from DCAMM to MassDOT
- Granting the Administration additional powers to control spending, as discussed in my letter explaining actions on the general appropriation bill

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Sufficient revenues are estimated to be available to finance these appropriations. As many of the above fiscal year 2014 items are quite time-sensitive, I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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